

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-17 and 34-36 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Edson (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,581). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claim 1-17.

Claim 1 reads as follows:

A remote controlled system comprising:
a remote controller; and
a general-purpose computer coupled to communicate with the remote controller and a controlled device to facilitate remote control of the controlled device by the remote controller.

Edson fails to disclose the system of Claim 1. Namely, Edson does not disclose “a general-purpose computer ... to facilitate remote control of the controlled device by the remote controller.” The gateway of Edson only provides an interface to external communication channels. In particular, the gateway provides an interface to control communications and to enable devices to selectively access external communication features. The gateway provides connections between external links and internal digital media and routing functions of communications between the links and the internal digital

media. See lines 1-4 of the abstract, and col. 5, line 26 through col. 7, line 25. Accordingly, the gateway is neither a remote controller nor a general-purpose computer.

Furthermore, Edson, only discloses that a PC can directly control another device. See col. 15 lines 29-48. For example, Edson teaches that the PC 43 can configure the gateway 13, that the PC can control the microwave, and that the PC can program the alarm system. However, Edson does not teach or suggest a system whereby the PC 43 facilitates configuring the gateway 13 by the TV 42, the alarm system 34, or the like. Similarly, Edson does not teach or suggest a system whereby the PC facilitates programming of the alarm system by the microwave, fax machine 32, printer 33, or the like. Accordingly, the PC of Edson does not facilitate the control of a controlled device by a remote controller. For these reasons, Claim 1 is allowable over Edson. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the §102(e) rejection of Claim 1 be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims 2-10 are allowable by virtue of their dependency on respective base Claim 1, as well as the additional elements they recite. For the above-advanced reasons, Applicant asserts that Claims 2-10 patentably distinguishable over Edson. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the §102(e) rejection of Claims 2-10 be withdrawn.

Claim 11 recites:

A remote controlled system comprising:
a first device having a user interface (UI); and

a facilitator communicatively coupled to the first and a second device to facilitate remote control of the second device by the first device, the facilitator providing UI information to the first device that may be used by a user to enter control data for controlling the second device to perform an action, the facilitator translating the control data received from the first device into commands that are sent to the second device to effectuate the action intended by the user.

Edson fails to disclose the system of Claim 11. Namely, Edson does not disclose a facilitator ... to facilitate remote control of the second device by the first device. Furthermore, Edson does not teach or suggest a “facilitator providing UI information to the first device that may be used ... for controlling the second device to perform an action.” The gateway of Edson only provides an interface to external communication channels. In particular, the gateway provides an interface to control communications and to enable devices to selectively access external communication features. See lines 1-4 of the abstract, and col. 5, line 26 through col. 7, line 25. In addition, Edson only discloses that a PC can directly control another device. See col. 15 lines 29-48. The PC of Edson does not facilitate the control of a second device by a first controller.

In addition, Edson does not teach or suggest “the facilitator translating the control data received from the first device into commands that are sent to the second device to effectuate the action intended by the user.” Instead, Edson discloses that each of a plurality of device specific interfaces convert the respective device specific formatted communications to a common format for communication over the digital media and from

the common format back to the particular device specific format. See col. 4. lines 50- 65, and col. 8, lines 12-37. For these reasons, Claim 11 is allowable over Edson. Applicant therefore respectfully request that the §102(e) rejection of Claim 11 be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims 12-17 are allowable by virtue of their dependency on respective base Claim 11, as well as the additional elements they recite. For the above-advanced reasons, Applicant asserts that Claims 12-17 are patentably distinguishable over Edson. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the §102(a) rejection of Claims 12-17 be withdrawn.

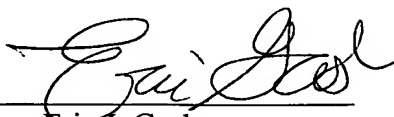
New Claims 34-36 are provided for examination. Applicant believes that these claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Claims 1-17 and 34-36 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, **the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.**

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